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South Australia's population increased by 18,000 during the year ended 30 September 2008.



#### **Labour Force**

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South Australia's unemployment rate increased slightly from 5.6% in January 2009 to 5.7% in February 2009.



#### **Incomes**

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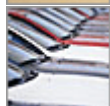
Average weekly full time earnings for South Australian males increased 6.7% in the year to November 2008, while female full time earnings increased 6.1%.



#### **State Accounts**

Includes: **State accounts, Household final consumption expenditure (HFCE)**

South Australia's State Final Demand increased by 0.7% in the December quarter 2008.



#### **Consumption**

Includes: **Retail trade, New motor vehicle sales**

Retail turnover in SA grew 0.1% from December 2008 to January 2009 (seasonally adjusted).



#### **Investment**

Includes: **Private new capital expenditure, Mineral and petroleum exploration expenditure**

South Australia's Private New Capital Expenditure decreased by 4.4% to \$1,233m in the December 2008 quarter.



#### **Construction**

Includes: **Building approvals, Construction work done**

The total number of dwelling units approved in South Australia decreased by 3.4% from December 2008 to January 2009.



#### **Price Indexes**

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The house price index for Adelaide rose 2.0% in the year to the December quarter 2008.



#### **Housing Finance**

Includes: **Housing finance commitments**

Total value of housing finance commitments (owner occupier) for South Australia in January 2009 was \$1,017m.



#### **International Merchandise Trade**

Includes: **Exports and Imports**

The value of South Australia's merchandise exports was \$592m in January 2009 (down 34.0% from December 2008).



#### **Water**

Includes: **Rainfall, Reservoir levels**

Total water storage in Adelaide's reservoirs was at 62% of capacity at the end of February 2009.

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### WHAT'S NEW THIS MONTH

Topics which have been updated with new data in this month's issue of **SA Stats** include: Construction; Consumption; Demography; Housing Finance; Incomes; International Merchandise Trade; Investment; Labour Force; State Accounts and Water.

There have been some changes to the Retail Trade data presented in this publication. Previous issues of SA Stats included trend series estimates. However, the Retail Trade trend series has been suspended as at November 2008. Further information is available from Retail Trade, Australia (cat. no. 8501.0). SA Stats will include seasonally adjusted Retail Trade data until the trend series is reintroduced. The Retail Trade Quarterly Indicators publication (cat. no. 8502.0) has been ceased as at the December 2008 quarter. Retail trade data by industry categories that was previously reported on a quarterly trend basis will now be reported on a monthly seasonally adjusted basis.

### INQUIRIES

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## Feature Articles



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## Demography



## DEMOGRAPHY

### ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

The estimated resident population (ERP) for South Australia was 1,607,700 at 30 September 2008, an increase of about 18,000 persons (1.1%) since 30 September 2007. Nationally, the ERP was 21,542,500 at 30 September 2008, an increase of about 389,300 persons (1.8%) since 30 September 2007.

#### ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, Preliminary data

	Population at end September quarter 2008 '000	Change over previous year '000	Change over previous year %
New South Wales	7 017.1	92.3	1.3
Victoria	5 340.3	97.0	1.8
Queensland	4 320.1	105.1	2.5
South Australia	1 607.7	18.0	1.1
Western Australia	2 188.5	62.6	2.9
Tasmania	498.9	4.6	0.9
Northern Territory	221.1	4.7	2.2
Australian Capital Territory	346.4	4.9	1.4
<b>Australia(a)</b>	<b>21 542.5</b>	<b>389.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>

(a) Includes Other Territories comprising Jervis Bay Territory, Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.  
Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (cat. no. 3101.0).

In 2006-07, the South Australian Statistical Division (SD) with the largest increase in ERP was Outer Adelaide (2.0%) followed by Adelaide (1.1%).

#### ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, By Statistical Division, South Australia(a)

	2006		2007	
	Population at 30 June '000	Change over previous year %	Population at 30 June '000	Change over previous year %
Adelaide	1 146.1	1.0	1 158.3	1.1
Outer Adelaide	128.9	2.4	131.5	2.0
Yorke and Lower North	45.6	0.9	46.0	0.9
Murray Lands	69.5	0.5	69.8	0.4
South East	64.6	0.7	65.0	0.5
Eyre	34.8	0.4	34.9	0.4
Northern	78.7	-0.2	79.2	0.6
<b>South Australia</b>	<b>1 568.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1 584.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>

(a) Estimates for 2007 are preliminary.  
Source: Regional Population Growth, Australia 2006-07 (cat. no. 3218.0)

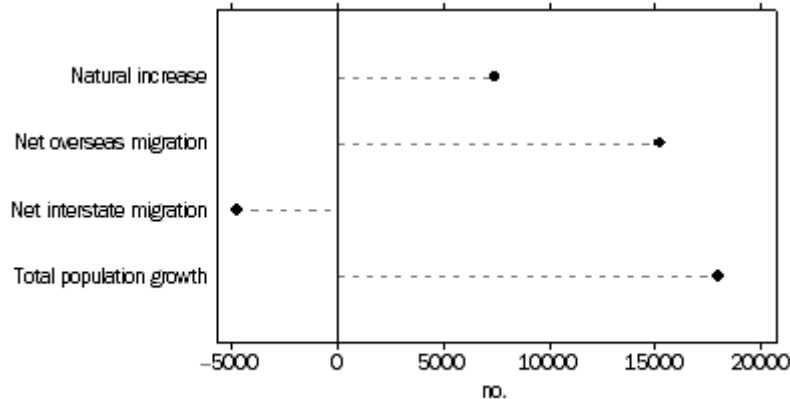
[Map of South Australia's Statistical Divisions\(PDF 2.44MB\)](#)

## COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

For the year ended 30 September 2008, South Australia recorded a natural increase (i.e. the net of births and deaths) of 7,461 persons. Net overseas migration provided a gain of 15,280 persons in the same period while net interstate migration realised a loss of 4,736 persons.

For the year ended 30 September 2008, Australia recorded a natural increase in population of 153,403 persons; net overseas migration resulted in a gain of 235,856 people.

### POPULATION GROWTH, South Australia - Year ended September 2008



Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (cat. no. 3101.0)

## Labour Force



### LABOUR FORCE

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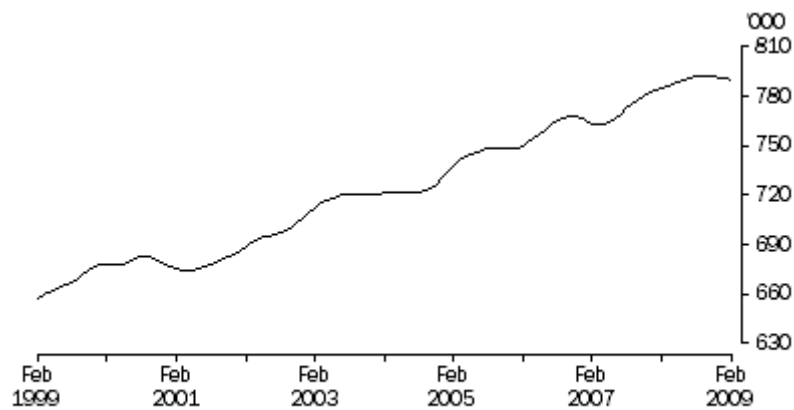
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#### EMPLOYED PERSONS

In trend terms, the total number of persons employed in South Australia in February 2009 was 790,000, a decrease of 500 from the number of persons employed in January 2009 (790,500). The total number of persons employed in Australia in February 2009 was 10,811,700, an increase of 400 on the number employed in January 2009 (10,811,300).

#### EMPLOYED PERSONS, Trend, South Australia



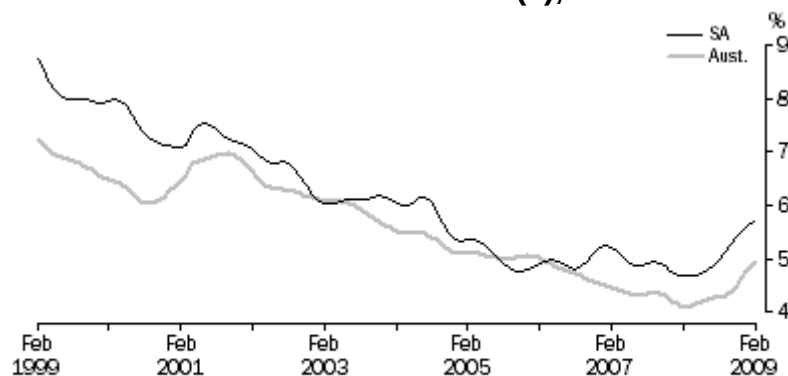
Source: Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0)

The number of males employed full-time in South Australia in February 2009 was 359,900 (in trend terms), a decrease from 361,500 in January 2009. The number of females employed full-time in South Australia in February 2009 remained steady at 178,200.

## UNEMPLOYMENT

The trend estimate unemployment rate for South Australia increased slightly from 5.6% in January 2009 to 5.7% in February 2009. Australia's unemployment rate also increased slightly from 4.8% in January 2009 to 4.9% in February 2009.

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE(a), Trend

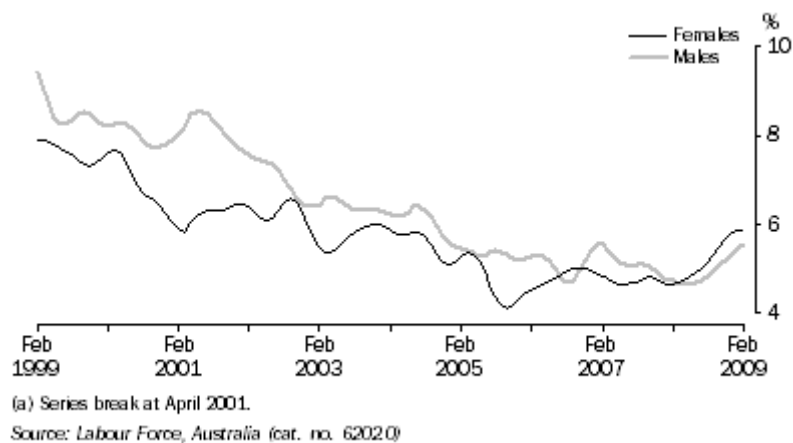


(a) Series break at April 2001.

Source: Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0)

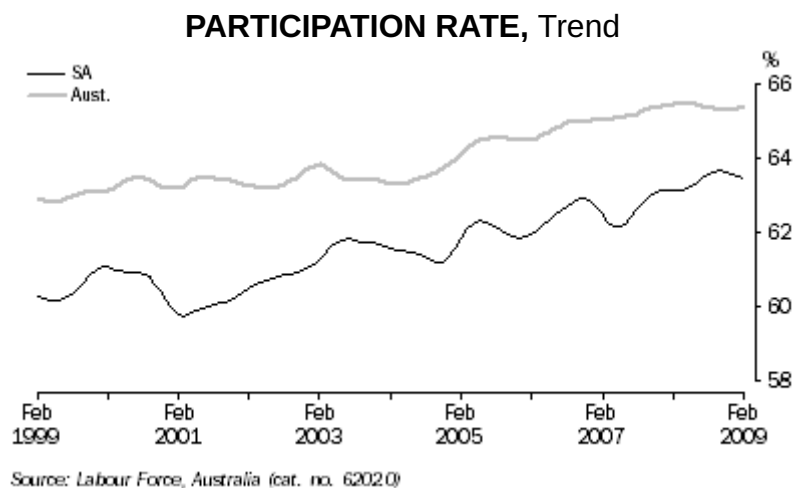
For South Australia, the trend unemployment rate for males increased slightly from 5.4% in January 2009 to 5.6% in February 2009. The trend unemployment rate for females in South Australia remained steady in February 2009 at 5.9%.

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE(a), Trend, South Australia



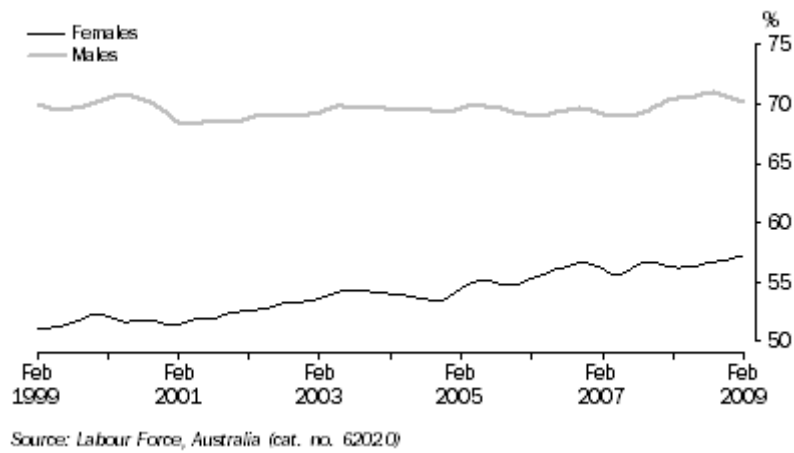
## PARTICIPATION RATE

The trend estimate of the participation rate for South Australia in February 2009 remained steady at 63.5%. Australia's trend participation rate increased slightly from 65.3% in January 2009 to 65.4% in February 2009.



For South Australia, the trend participation rate for males dropped slightly from 70.2% in January 2009 to 70.1% in February 2009. The Australian participation rate for males also dropped slightly from 72.3% in January 2009 to 72.2% in February 2009. The participation rate for South Australian females increased slightly from 57.1% in January 2009 to 57.2% in February 2009. The Australian female participation rate also increased slightly over this period from 58.6% in January 2009 to 58.7% in February 2009.

## PARTICIPATION RATE, Trend, South Australia



## Incomes



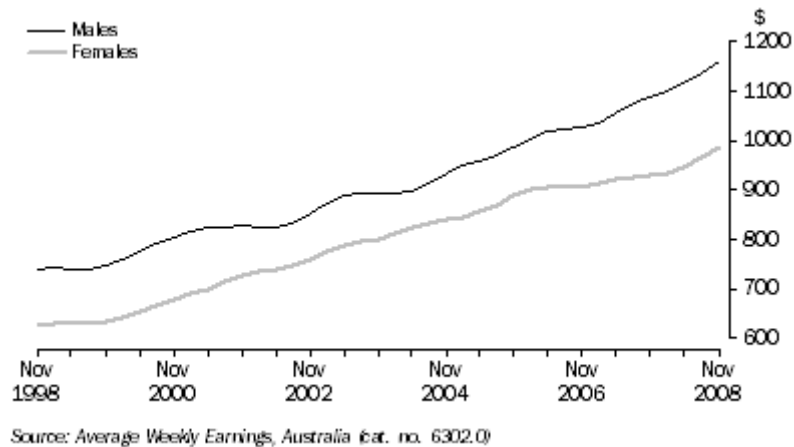
### INCOMES

#### AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS

The trend estimate of average weekly (ordinary time) earnings for full-time adult persons in South Australia increased by 6.5% to \$1,100.40 in the 12 months to November 2008. Nationally, the corresponding increase was lower at 5.2% (up to \$1,164.90).

In the 12 months to November 2008, average weekly full-time earnings in South Australia for males increased by 6.7% to \$1,160.70. Nationally, male average weekly full-time earnings increased 5.7% to \$1,243.00. Female average weekly full-time earnings in South Australia increased by 6.1% to \$986.90 in the 12 months to November 2008, compared with a national increase of 4.7% to \$1,032.20.

#### FULL-TIME ORDINARY TIME EARNINGS, Trend, South Australia



For information on the wage price index, please refer to the '[Price Indexes](#)' topic.

# State Accounts



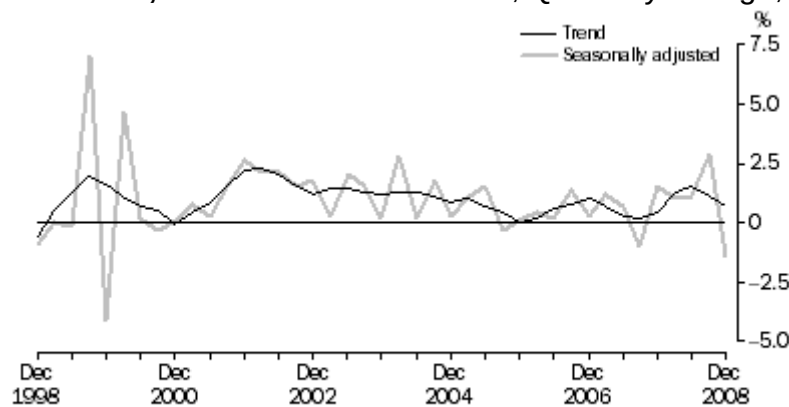
## STATE ACCOUNTS

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South Australia's December quarter 2008 State Final Demand in chain volume (trend) terms was \$18,949m, a 0.7% increase from the September quarter 2008. Australia's Domestic Final Demand increased 0.3% in the December quarter 2008, to \$284,426m.

Of the other states and territories, the strongest growth for the quarter was reported in the Northern Territory (up 1.8%) followed by Western Australia (up 1.0%).

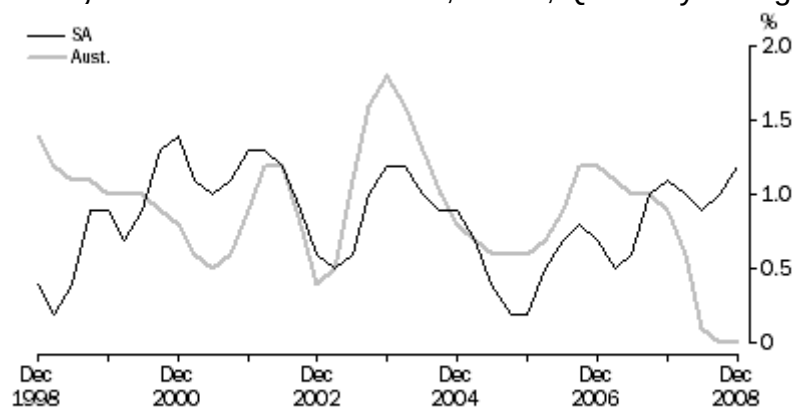
#### STATE FINAL DEMAND, Chain volume measures, Quarterly change, South Australia



### HOUSEHOLD FINAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE (HFCE)

In chain volume (trend) terms, South Australia's December quarter 2008 HFCE was \$11,134m (7.3% of the national total of \$152,496m). The value of HFCE for South Australia increased by 1.2% from the June quarter 2008 to the September quarter 2008. For Australia, HFCE was virtually unchanged from the September quarter 2008.

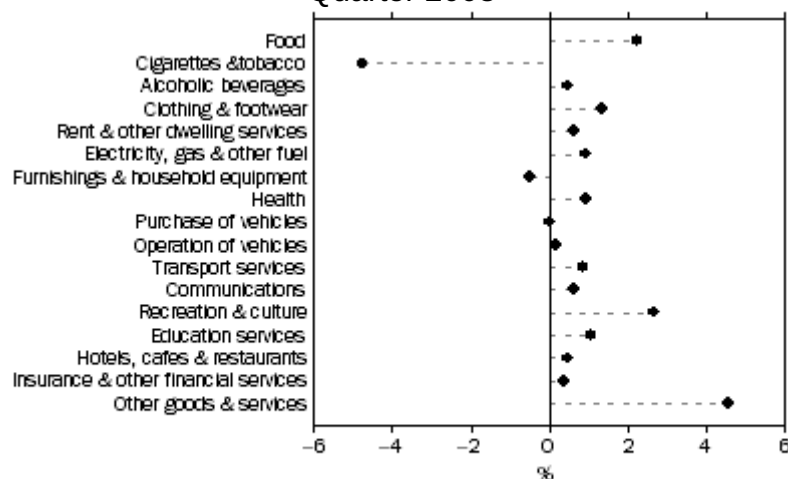
#### HFCE, Chain volume measures, Trend, Quarterly change



The largest increases in expenditure in South Australia for the December quarter 2008 were for Other goods and services (up 4.6% from the September quarter 2008), Recreation and culture (up 2.7%) and Food (up 2.2%). Expenditure on Cigarettes and tobacco decreased by 4.8% over this period.

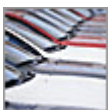
For Australia, the largest increase was for Health (up 1.3% from the September quarter 2008) followed by Insurance and other financial services (up 0.7%), Rent and other dwelling services (up 0.6%) and Electricity, gas and other fuel (0.6%). Expenditure on Purchase of vehicles decreased 3.7% from the September quarter 2008.

#### HFCE, Chain volume measures, Trend, Quarterly change, South Australia - December Quarter 2008



Source: Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product (cat. no. 5206.0)

## Consumption



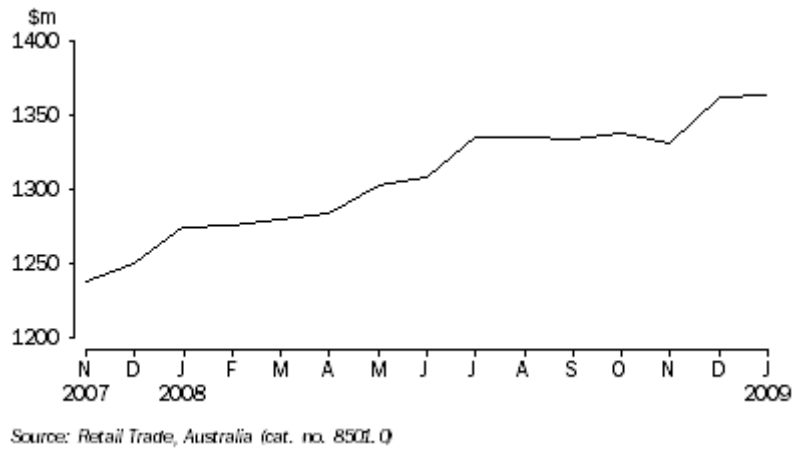
### CONSUMPTION

#### RETAIL TRADE

The January 2009 seasonally adjusted estimate for South Australia's retail turnover was \$1,364.4m, while the estimate for Australia was \$19,208.5m. South Australia's contribution to total retail turnover in Australia from December 2008 to January 2009 remained steady at 7.1%.

From December 2008, the increase in retail turnover for South Australia across all retail industries was 0.1%, while turnover for Australia grew by 0.2%.

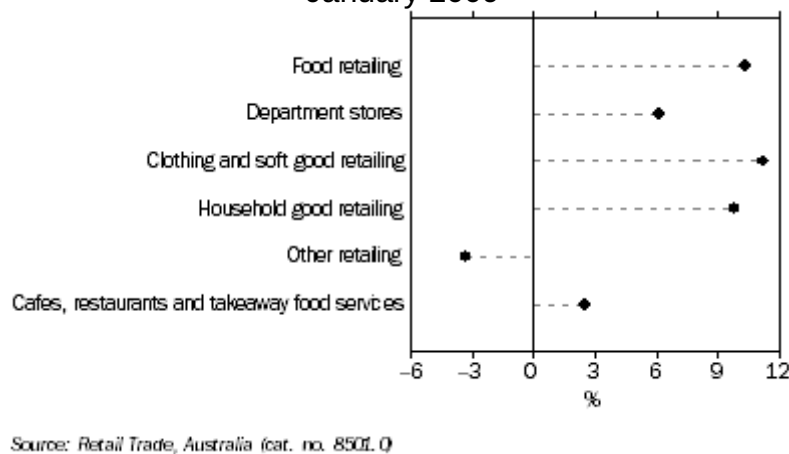
#### RETAIL TURNOVER, Seasonally adjusted, South Australia



Comparing January 2009 with January 2008, the South Australian industry groups with the largest percentage increases in retail turnover (in seasonally adjusted terms) were Clothing and soft good retailing, which rose by 11.2% to \$72.6m, Food retailing, which rose by 10.3% to \$598.1m, and Household good retailing, which rose by 9.8% to \$238.2m.

The only South Australian industry group to report a decrease in retail turnover was Other retailing, which decreased by 3.3% to \$180.0m.

#### RETAIL TURNOVER, Seasonally adjusted, Change over previous year, South Australia - January 2009

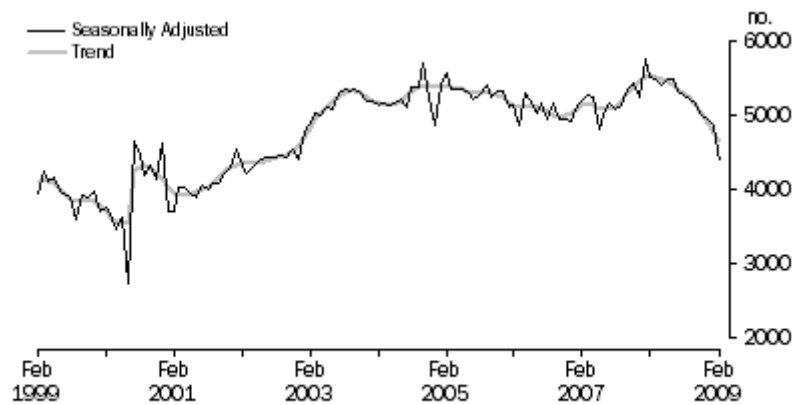


#### NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES

In February 2009, 2,862 new passenger vehicles and 4,649 new vehicles in total (in trend terms) were sold in South Australia. The trend estimate for total new vehicle sales in South Australia has continually decreased since February 2008.

In Australia, 44,490 new passenger vehicles and 74,254 new vehicles in total (in trend terms) were sold in February 2009. The trend estimate for total new vehicle sales in Australia has continually decreased since January 2008.

#### NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES, South Australia



Source: Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Australia (cat. no. 9314.0)

## Investment



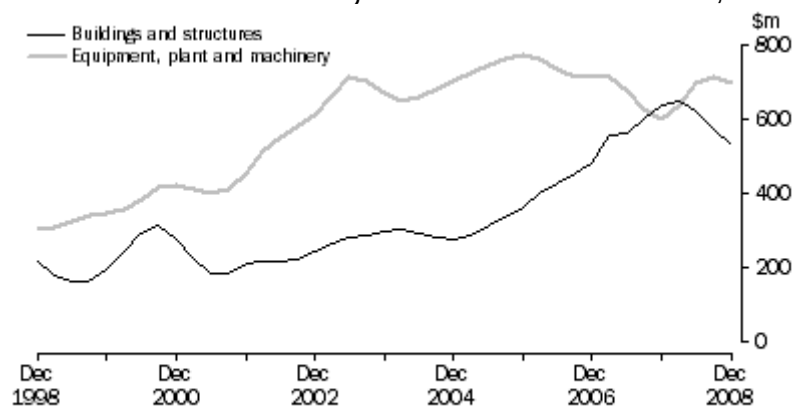
### INVESTMENT

#### PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Between the September 2008 and December 2008 quarters, the South Australian chain volume (trend) estimate of private new capital expenditure decreased by 4.4% to \$1,233m. Expenditure on Equipment, plant and machinery decreased by \$17m (or 2.4%) to \$699m, while expenditure on Buildings and structures decreased by \$40m (or 6.9%) to \$533m.

Between the September 2008 and December 2008 quarters, private new capital expenditure for Australia increased by 4.2% to \$24,753m. Expenditure on Equipment, plant and machinery increased by 1.8%, while Buildings and structures expenditure increased by 6.6% over this period.

#### PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, Chain volume measures, Trend, South Australia



Source: Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure, Australia (cat. no. 5625.0)

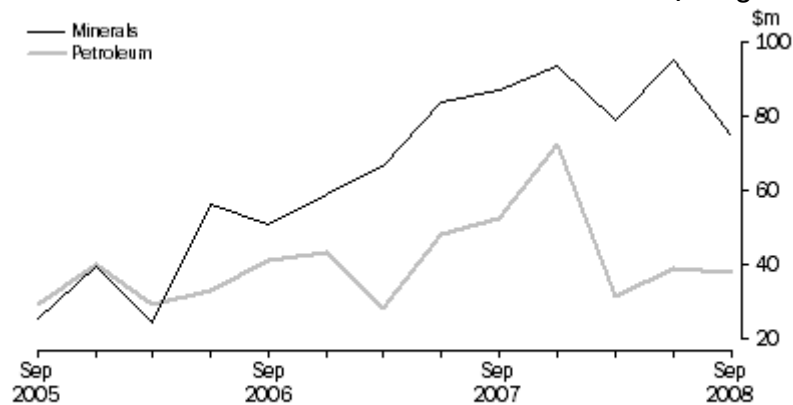
#### MINERAL AND PETROLEUM EXPLORATION EXPENDITURE

The value of mineral exploration expenditure in South Australia during the September quarter 2008 was \$75.0m (in original terms), down 21.2% from \$95.2m for the June quarter 2008. Over the same period, Australian expenditure on mineral exploration decreased by 5.5% from \$728.1m in the June quarter 2008 to \$687.7m in the September quarter 2008.

The main minerals sought in South Australia in the September quarter 2008 were copper (\$28.5m exploration expenditure), uranium (\$22.4m), and gold (\$13.6m).

Expenditure on petroleum exploration in South Australia in the September quarter 2008 was \$37.9m, down 3.5% from the June quarter 2008. Nationally, expenditure on petroleum exploration decreased 8.9% from \$857.2m in the June quarter 2008 to \$781.3m in the September quarter 2008.

#### **MINERAL AND PETROLEUM EXPLORATION EXPENDITURE, Original, South Australia**



Source: Mineral and Petroleum Exploration, Australia (cat. no. 8412.0)

## **Construction**



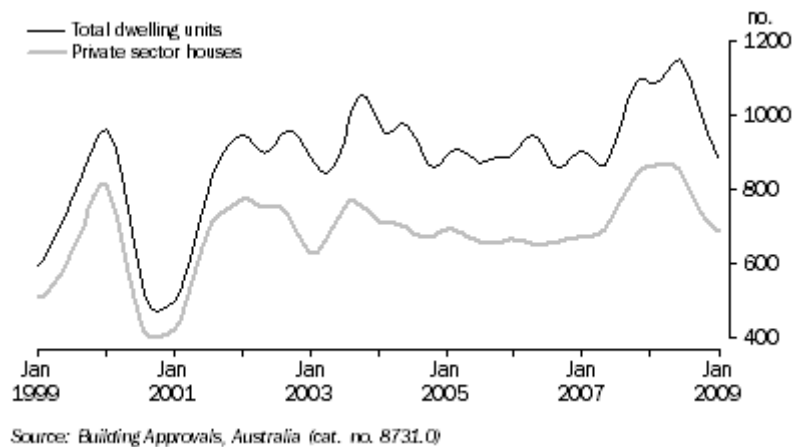
### **CONSTRUCTION**

#### **BUILDING APPROVALS**

In January 2009, the total number of dwelling units approved in South Australia (in trend terms) fell 3.4% to 882. Nationally, the total number of dwelling units approved (in trend terms) fell 4.3% to 9,303.

The trend estimate for the number of private sector houses approved in South Australia in January 2009 fell 1.3% to 689. This was the ninth consecutive monthly fall.

#### **DWELLING UNITS APPROVED, Trend, South Australia**



In the year ended January 2009, the largest percentage increase in dwelling units approved in South Australia was recorded for the South East Statistical Division (SD) (41.8%). The Murray Lands SD recorded the largest percentage decrease in dwelling units approved in the year ended January 2009 (down 23.7%), following a 42.6% increase during the year ended January 2008.

#### DWELLING UNITS APPROVED, by Statistical Division (SD), Original, South Australia

	Year ended January 2008		Year ended January 2009	
	Dwelling units no.	Change over previous year %	Dwelling units no.	Change over previous year %
Adelaide	8 166	2.0	8 779	7.5
Outer Adelaide	1 579	10.0	1 723	9.1
Yorke and Lower North	544	8.8	606	11.4
Murray Lands	666	42.6	508	-23.7
South East	378	-1.0	536	41.8
Eyre	273	31.3	312	14.3
Northern	477	24.9	481	0.8
<b>South Australia</b>	<b>12 083</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>12 945</b>	<b>7.1</b>

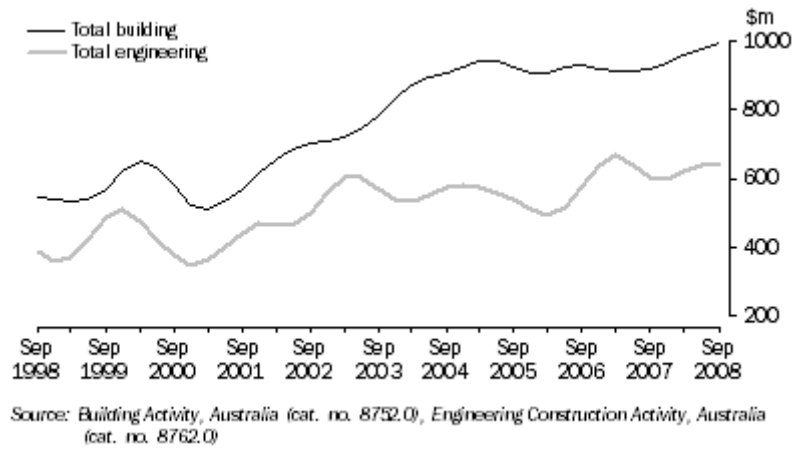
Source: Building Approvals, Australia - data available on request

[Map of South Australia's Statistical Divisions](#) (PDF 2.44MB)

#### CONSTRUCTION WORK DONE

In the September quarter 2008, the total value of building work done (in trend terms) in South Australia was \$997.6m, an increase of 1.8% from \$980.1m for the June quarter 2008. The total value of engineering work done in the September quarter 2008 was \$646.0m, an increase of 1.1% from the June quarter 2008 (\$639.3m).

**VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK DONE**, Chain volume measures, Trend, South Australia



## Price Indexes



### PRICE INDEXES

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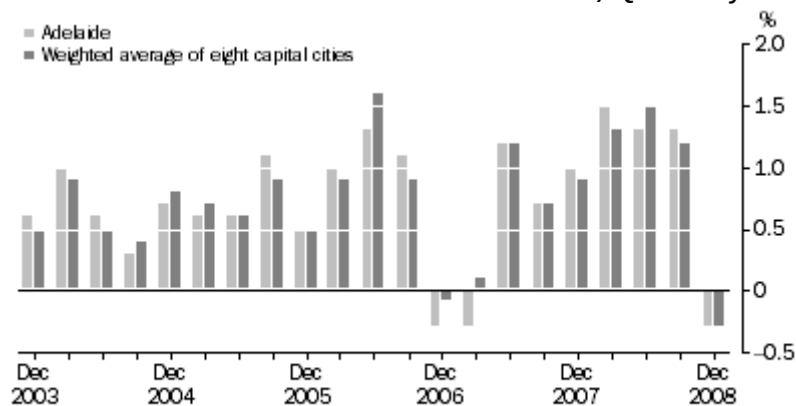
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#### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

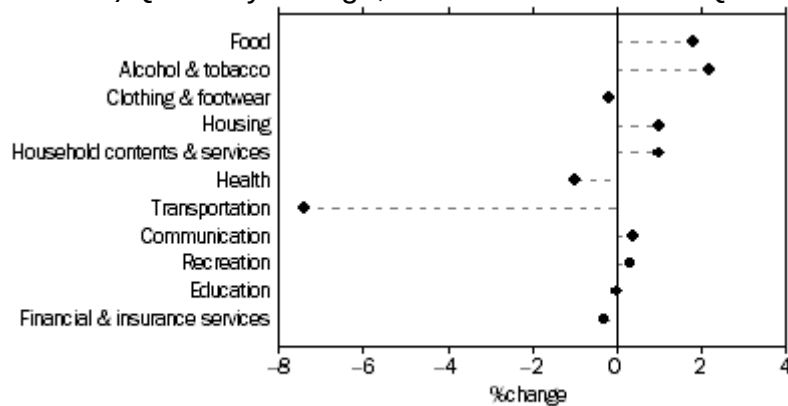
The all groups consumer price index (CPI) for Adelaide decreased by 0.3% in the December quarter 2008 while the weighted average of the eight capital cities also decreased by 0.3% in that quarter. Adelaide's CPI increased by 3.8% in the year ending December quarter 2008, compared with a 3.7% rise in the weighted average of the eight capital cities.

#### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL GROUPS, Quarterly change



Adelaide's largest percentage increases in prices from the previous quarter were in the areas of Alcohol and tobacco (2.2%), Food (1.8%), Housing (1.0%) and Household contents and services (1.0%). The largest decreases in prices from the previous quarter were for Transportation (-7.4%) and Health (-1.0%).

#### CPI GROUPS, Quarterly change, Adelaide - December Quarter 2008

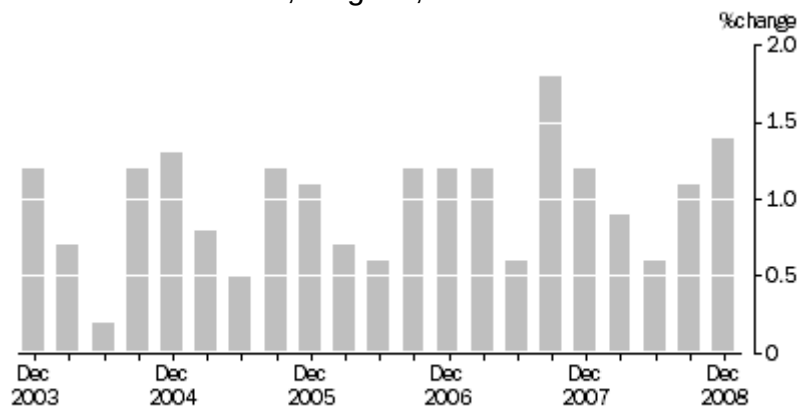


Source: Consumer Price Index, Australia (cat. no. 6401.0)

#### WAGE PRICE INDEX

The wage price index for all employee jobs in South Australia increased by 1.4% (in original terms) from the September quarter 2008 to the December quarter 2008. This was greater than the increase nationally (1.2%) over this period.

#### WAGE PRICE INDEX QUARTERLY CHANGES, Total hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses, Original, South Australia



Source: Labour Price Index, Australia (cat. no. 6345.0)

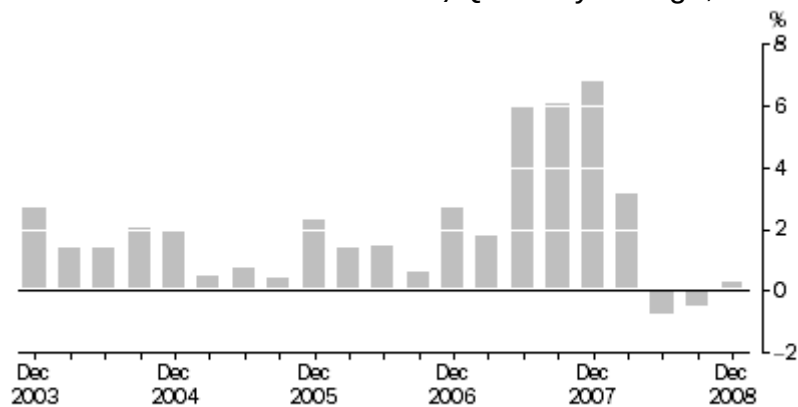
#### HOUSE PRICE INDEX

Preliminary estimates show that the price index for established houses for Adelaide (in original terms) increased 0.3% in the December quarter 2008. The only other cities in which the House Price Index increased between the September Quarter 2008 and the December Quarter 2008 were Darwin (1.6%) and Canberra (0.7%). The price index for the weighted average of the eight capital cities decreased by 0.8% over this period.

Over the year to the December quarter 2008, the preliminary estimates show the price index

for established houses for Adelaide rose 2.0%, while the weighted average of the eight capital cities decreased 3.3%.

### ESTABLISHED HOUSE PRICES, Quarterly change, Adelaide



Source: House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities (cat. no. 6416.0)

## Housing Finance

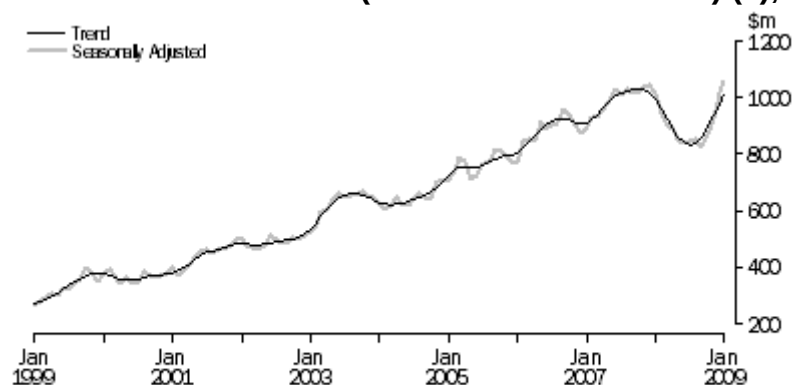


### HOUSING FINANCE

#### HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS

In trend terms, the total value of housing finance commitments (owner occupation) in South Australia in January 2009 was \$1,017m, an increase of 4.1% from \$977m in December 2008. Nationally, the value of housing finance commitments for owner occupation grew by 2.5% from \$13,283m in December 2008 to \$13,614m in January 2009.

#### HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (OWNER OCCUPATION) (a), South Australia

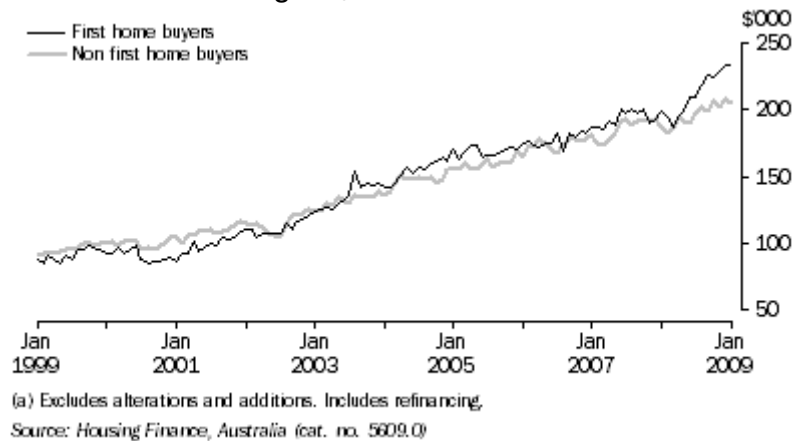


(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.  
Source: Housing Finance, Australia (cat. no. 5609.0)

In January 2009, the average home loan size for owner occupied dwellings in South Australia was \$211,300, which was significantly lower than the average home loan size for Australia (\$251,100).

In January 2009, the average loan size for first home buyers in South Australia was \$233,800, which was 14.0% higher than the average loan size for non-first home buyers (\$205,100). Since April 2008, the average loan size for first home buyers has increased 18.7% while the average loan size for non-first home buyers has increased 5.4%. The non-first home buyers category of loans includes loans for purchasing housing and the refinancing of existing loans. The latter type are smaller in size and refer to refinancing with a different lender, but with the security unchanged. The increasing divergence between the average loan sizes for first home buyers and non-first home buyers seen after April 2008 can in part be attributed to the increasing contribution of smaller refinancing loans to the non-first home buyers' category.

#### **HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (OWNER OCCUPATION) (a), Average loan size, Original, South Australia**



For information on the house price index, please refer to the '[Price Indexes](#)' topic.

## **International Merchandise Trade**



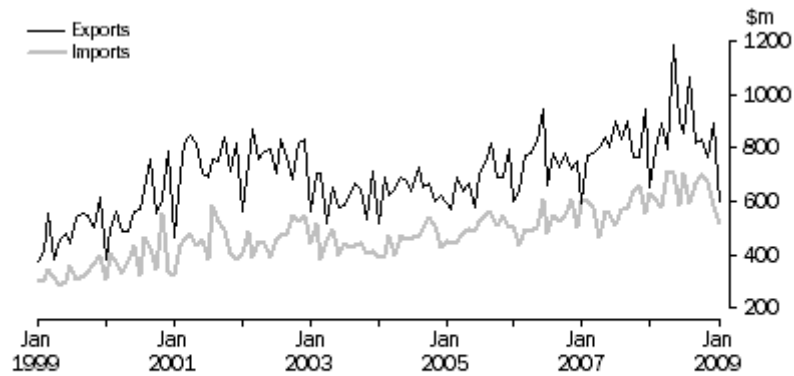
### **INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE**

#### **EXPORTS AND IMPORTS**

South Australia's value of exports on a recorded trade basis in January 2009 was \$592m. This represents a decrease of 34.0% from December 2008 (\$897m) and a decrease of 9.3% from January 2008 (\$653m). The value of Australian merchandise exports for January 2009 was \$17,873m, a 33.2% increase from the previous year (\$13,422m in January 2008).

The value of South Australian merchandise imports decreased to \$516m in January 2009 from \$630m in January 2008, a decrease of 18.1%. The value of Australian merchandise imports for January 2009 was \$17,261m, a 2.3% increase from January 2008 (\$16,875m).

#### **VALUE OF INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE EXPORTS AND IMPORTS (a), on a recorded trade basis, South Australia**



(a) Exports where the final stage of production or manufacture occurs in South Australia.

Source: *International Trade in Goods and Services, Australia* (cat. no. 5368.0)

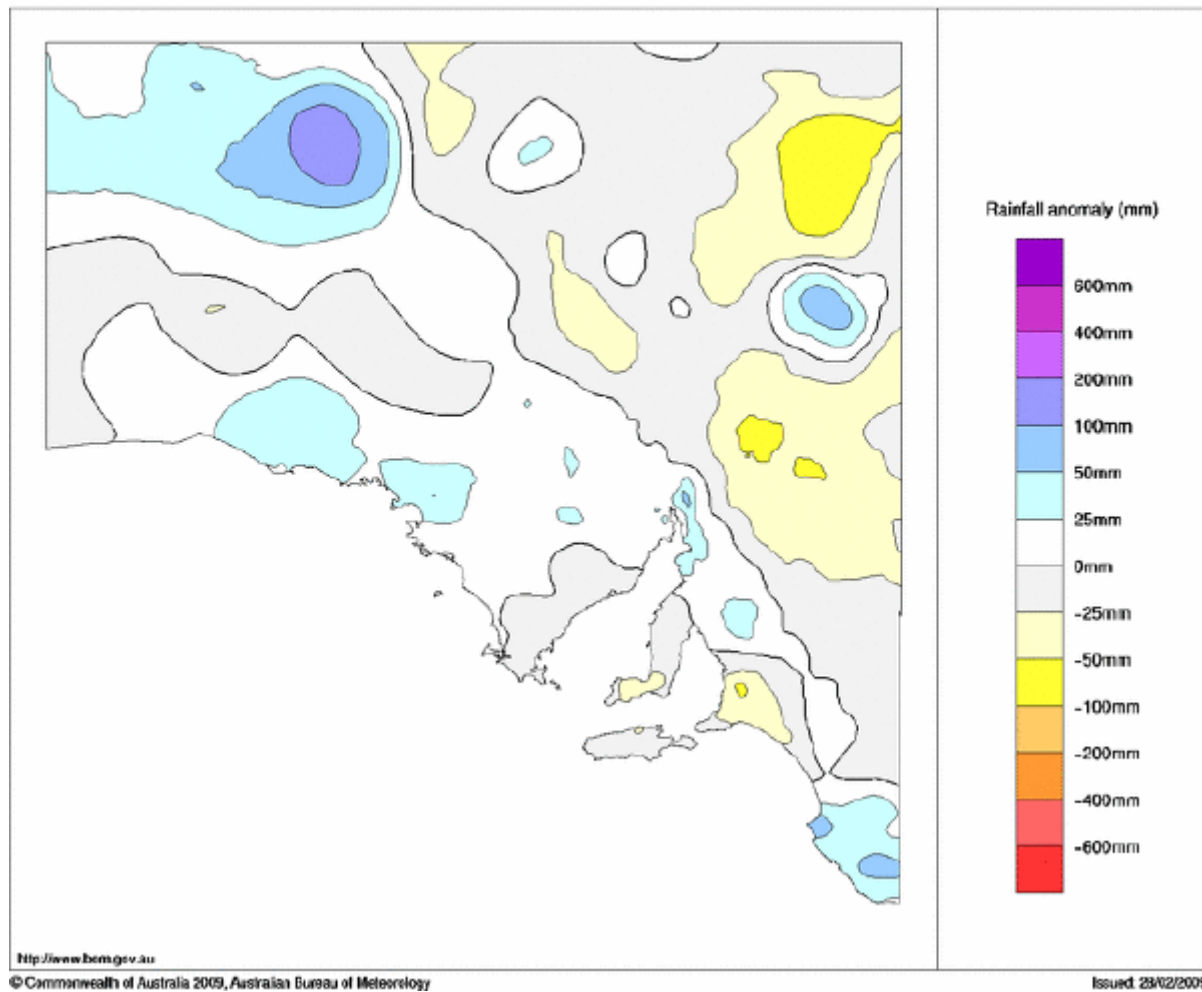
## Water



### WATER

### RAINFALL

Summer rainfall over South Australia was mostly average to above average apart from some areas in the eastern part of the state where it was slightly below average. Most of the rain fell during the first few weeks of December 2008. For the January/February months of 2009 the pastoral districts reported totals that were generally very much below average except some areas in the northeast of the state where near average rainfall was received.

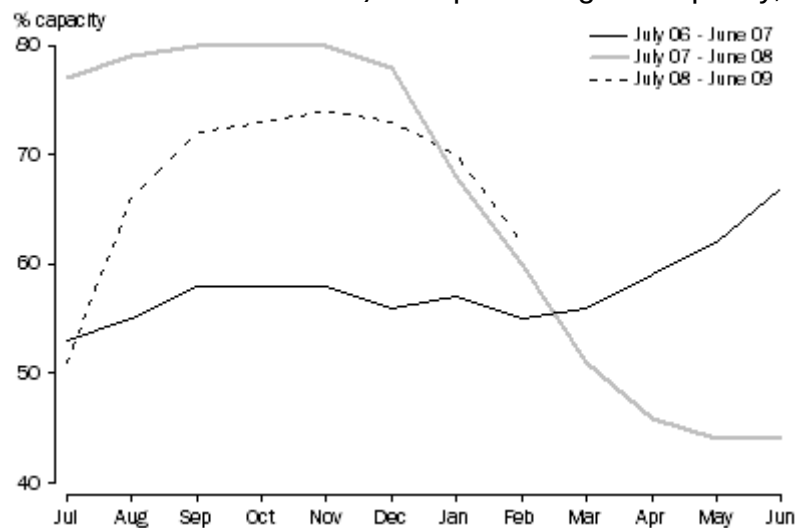


Source: 3-monthly rainfall anomalies for South Australia, Australian Bureau of Meteorology.

## RESERVOIR LEVELS

The total water storage in Adelaide's reservoirs at the end of February 2009 was 62% of capacity, compared to 60% at the same time in 2008.

### TOTAL RESERVOIR STORAGE, As a percentage of capacity, Adelaide



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